



No Cages, Please!
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On January 14th, 2014 an elephant wandered out of her enclosure and was exposed to extreme cold. She is now being monitored for hypothermia.





On January 6th, two 8-month old tiger cubs were found abandoned in someone's backyard.

On January 3rd, a man entered his workshop only to find a 7 foot long constrictor.



These are true
stories from the
United States.

Stories that we would not
hear about if these animals
were left in the wild where
they belong!

**For reasons like these, animals should not be
taken from their natural habitat and caged.**

The most important reason why wild animals should not be caged is because wild animals do their best when they are in their natural habitats.

For example, animals in their natural habitats get the shelter that they need. Tigers for instance living in the wild have surroundings that allow them to hunt and hide from their prey.

Another example is that animals get the exercise that they need in their natural habitat. Killer whales are used to swimming 20 hours per day, but in captivity they only get 3-5 hours, if that.

Last, animals in the wild get the nutrition that they need. In captivity they are not fed as often and do not get their natural diets. As you can see, animals get everything they need from their natural habitats.

Did you know that most of the animals that are caged are often mistreated by people? Animals get physical punishment in circuses when training. For example, in Bolivia, they made it against the law to have circus animals because many were hurt when they wouldn't perform tricks. Another way they are mistreated is many different animals are unable to move for long periods of time because their cages are cramped and crowded. So, they are sometimes disrespected at zoos. Sometimes kids yell and bang on their glass. These are only a few ways that animals are mistreated.



Some people say that the only way to care for and learn about these exotic animals is to cage them. Well that is not true.



With today's technology it is so easy to watch these animals from a webcam. The Cornell's All About Birds website is a good example. You can visit their website to watch the endangered Laysan Albatross mother take care of her hatchling.

Medical care can also be provided without capturing and caging animals. Gorilla veterinarians in the Congo can give vaccines and antibiotics using observations and dart guns. The gorillas don't even know the veterinarians are there. Wild animals do not need to be captured and caged for this and we still learn a lot about them.

As you can see capturing animals in the wild and putting them in cages is wrong. They do their best in their natural habitat where they can get all that they need to survive. When they are captured they are often mistreated. If we want to learn about animals, we don't need to capture them.

So, stop caging animals today!